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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: IMPORT PERMITS FOR FOSCHINI

REF: STATE 7801

1. WE APPROACHED DIRECTOR OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS (D.S.L. DE VILLIERS) FEBRUARY 13 TO SUPPORT FOSCHINI'S REQUEST FOR 300,000 RANDS WORTH OF ADDITIONAL IMPORT PERMITS FOR CLOTHING AND TEXTILES FROM THE US IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR IN-STORE PROMOTION TO CELEBRATE THE US BICENTENNIAL.

2. DIRECTOR SAID SA BALANCE OF PAYMENTS IS IN TOO DELICATE A STATE TO ALLOW FURTHER IMPORT PERMITS TO BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME BUT THAT HE WOULD RECONSIDER IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL. WE POINTED OUT THAT WE WERE ONLY ASKING FOR AN EXCEPTION TO RESTRICTIONS THAT WERE IN ANY CASE CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF GATT BUT HE REMAINED UNMOVED. WE WILL FOLLOW-UP IN LATE MARCH.

3. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY ANOTHER SOURCE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE THAT THIS KIND OF REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS TO THE IMPORT CONTROL REGULATIONS HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE PAST. DIRECTOR'S REFUSAL IN THIS CASE PRO-

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BABLY REALLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WORRIES.

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